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Editorial Gleanings.



VERY little while we come to know of a place where it would be a real kindness to send a free copy of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT, and there are readers whom we would like to share the pleasure with us of supplying these wants. There are one or two readers who regularly send us an extra dollar every year to supply such free copies. Now we will do with others as we do with these: as soon as we get your dollar we will start a free copy on its errand of kindness, and drop you a private note, telling you exactly how your money has been employed. Helping any good cause in a general way has not half the zest to the giver that comes out of a personal, individual interest.

AFTER the First of January next, all copies of the INDEPENDENT will be stopped, as soon as they fall six months in arrears. We give plenty of notice.

THE person who complacently admits that any favorite sin is his "besetting sin" may be sure that no sin so thoroughly besets him as a certain willingness to be beset by any sin.

SHOW me the man you honor; I know by that symptom, better than any other, what kind of a man you are yourself. For you show me there what kind of a man you long inexpressibly to be.—*Carlyle*.

AMONG the Official Notices will be found that of the opening of the College, Montreal, on 1st October. We are pleased that the faculty have secured the presence of Rev. Dr. Mackennal, Chairman of the English Congregational Union two years ago, who will deliver the Inaugural Address.

THE NUN OF KENMARE ON JESUITS.—Morally, socially, spiritually, intellectually, Jesuits are slaves. They were popular with those who liked "to put their thinking out to be done for them." The Jesuit is an easy confessor; he is pleasant to women and good to young men. To the latter he says, "Poor fellow! you couldn't help it; don't do it again."

OUR FRONTISPIECE.—We present, this month, a very good likeness of Rev. Thomas Hall, for the last seven years Superintendent of Home Missions among our churches. Mr. Hall has the rare fortune to be a member of two or three "associations," and while a leading member of the Congregational Union of Ont. and Quebec, was also, this year, Chairman of the Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

SABBATH observance is looking up. A number of the railways are, this year, running fewer trains. Whether the Grand Trunk is doing likewise we don't know; but there are still long lumber trains from Muskoka every Lord's day. The decreased Sunday traffic on many of the railways is due mostly to worldly motives; but, whatever the motive, the fact itself is encouraging.

THE TRUTH.—"The truth is larger than any one man's thought of it." Truth is as a sphere. No one pair of eyes can see all around